

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

June 23, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:31 PM by James Michael Bowers at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: James Michael Bowers, Dustin Loy, Jasmine Kingsley, Stacie Bleicher, Stephanie Jarrett, Sean Flowerday, Katie Garcia, Jacqueline Miller and Adelle Burk (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Pat Lopez, Scott Holmes and Angel Edwards.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Miller to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried by a 8-0 roll call vote.

II. PUBLIC SESSION

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

The situational update from the Health Department has been sent to Board of Health members daily. The risk dial is currently at mid yellow indicating moderate risk of spread. Factors that contribute to updating of the risk dial include number of cases, positivity rate, testing capacity, contact tracing, and hospital capacity.

The Health Department continues regular meetings with Lancaster County schools administration to review plans and provide guidance on all aspects of school function in anticipation of school reopening. Most Lancaster County schools have chosen to use the risk dial as a template for planning. LPS worked in conjunction with LLCHD and the PBA to develop processes and approve plans for in-person graduations. Other schools have sought input from LLCHD for in-person graduations.

The Health Department continues to meet with administration of long-term care and assisted living facilities to address needs/issues including PPE, testing of staff and/or residents, and phased re-opening.

Test Nebraska has contracted with CHI St. Elizabeth to process all COVID-19 tests completed in Nebraska. In addition, CHI St. Elizabeth will take over testing previously done by Test Nebraska at the North Star High School parking lot location. CHI St. Elizabeth will also continue its test site at North Star.

The Health Director announced that part-time temporary staff will be hired to assist in COVID-19 specific work related to decontamination. These work assignments have been temporarily filled with existing staff who will now be transitioning back to their regular duties.

The Directed Health Measure includes direction on gatherings; food/beverage establishments; barber shops, cosmetology, body art, massage therapists; childcare; gyms, fitness facilities. Door to door sales activities are prohibited at this time.

Lincoln Lancaster County has had a total of 1,632 cases with 11 deaths, mostly in the age group of 60 years old and up. Tim Timmons explained that the number in cases seems to have peaked in late April. The Health Department currently has 37 nurses involved in contact tracing and follow up with isolation or quarantine. We continue to monitor positive cases and keep in contact through text messaging, twice a day, to monitor health and to minimize the spread. A vaccine is not yet available.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – August 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Ms. Bleicher that the meeting adjourn. Second by Ms. Jarrett. Motion carried by a 8-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Angel Edwards
Recording Secretary

Katie Garcia, DDS
Vice President